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DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL

In re Application of:
Fernandez et al.
Application No. 09/823,509
Filed: March 29, 2001
For: INTEGRATED NETWORK FOR
MONITORING REMOTE OBJECTS

This is a decision on the Request for Reconsideration on Decision to Make Special, filed August 5, 2003, Supplement to Petition To Make Special, filed May 5, 2003, and the Petition to Make Special, filed March 3, 2003, under MPEP § 708.02, XI: Invention for Countering Terrorism.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d), and in accordance with MPEP § 708.02, XI, for an invention which contributes to the countering of terrorism, must include the petition fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i). The petition must also be accompanied by a statement explaining how the invention contributes to countering terrorism. The types of technology for countering terrorism could include, but are not limited to, systems for detecting/identifying explosives, aircraft sensors/security systems, and vehicular barricades/disabling systems.

1. Petitioner argues that the invention is related to the above examples of systems for detecting/identifying explosives, aircraft sensors/security systems, and vehicular barricades/disabling systems.
2. Petitioner argues that the invention can be used with a nationwide sensor for detecting chemical, nuclear, and biological threats, and provides an article from the EE Times for disclosing the nationwide sensor.
3. Petitioner argues that the medical/biological sensors on page seven of the specification, and motion, smoke, door or window detectors are used in monitoring terrorism.

1. As to the first point, no such disclosure exists that is directly related to counter-terrorism or the examples given above.
2. As to the second point, the disclosure again does not teach how the invention is directly related to such a nationwide sensor for detecting chemical, nuclear, and biological terrorism.
3. As to point three, as argued in the previous decision, the disclosed sensors of the application have several uses other than for terrorism. There is no disclosure for clearly linking the invention to combating terrorism. For example, cameras or detectors in general, as broadly disclosed, have a myriad of uses other than terrorism.

Petitioner may alternatively consider requesting special status under MPEP § 708.02, VIII.

Accordingly, the petition is DENIED.

The application file will be returned to the Technology Center's central files storage area to await action in its regular turn.

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